Letter sent to speaker

Rabbani urges joint session of parliament

By Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: Deputy leader of the opposition in the Senate, Mian Raza Rabbani, has written a letter to the Speaker of the National Assembly for summoning of a joint sitting of the Parliament under Clause (2) of Article-70 of the Constitution of Pakistan read with Rule 125 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 1992, and asked him to advise the government not to place a Motion under Rule 125 of the Rules of Procedure & Business in the National Assembly till such time as the chairman and the Senate are seized of the Privilege Motion.

In the letter the copy of which was released to the Press, the Senator narrating the facts and circumstances said (a) that on Sept 24, 1998 a statement of the minister for parliamentary affairs was published in a section of the press wherein he had stated that a Bill transmitted by the National Assembly and allegedly not passed by the Senate was to be placed in a Joint Session of Parliament. A privilege motion with reference to the said statement of the minister was filed on Oct 7, 1998 and is pending. (b) The bills stated herein under were duly passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Senate on various dates. The period of 90 days for consideration by the Senate, he said, has lapsed and the Bills have been transmitted back to the National Assembly with a message to that effect.

He said that these Bills are as follows: (1) Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1997. (2) Pakistan Baitul Mall (Amendment) Bill, 1997. (3) The Pakistan Navy Amendment Bill, 1998. (4) National University of Emerging Sciences Bill, 1998. (5) Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (Amendment), Bill, 1998. (6) Ehtesab (Amendment) Bill, 1998. (7) The Karachi Port Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1998. (8) The Establishment of National Education Testing Service Bill, 1998.

In his letter, Senator Raza Rabbani pointed out that the aforesaid bills after transmission from the National Assembly and completion of requirements under Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 1988, were not placed on the order of the day by the government.

The senator said that the Privilege Motion pending consideration before the chairman and the Senate of Pakistan pertains to a gross breach of privilege and contempt of the Senate, hindering deliberately with malafide intent Senators from performance of their parliamentary functions and circumventing the legislative process as provided under the Constitution of Pakistan read with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 1998.

Mian Raza Rabbani said that the government with motive and mala fide intent which is evident from the statement of the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs dated Nov 24, 1998, failed in its duty under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 1988 read with the Rules of Business of the federal government to bring any of the said bills duly transmitted by the National Assembly on the order of the day during the required ninety days period.

Thus the Senate of Pakistan, Senator Raza Rabbani said, was denied its constitutional right to consider the said Bills. He said that this is not only a violation of the Constitution of Pakistan but also another attempt to deprive the federation which speaks through its representatives in the Senate from considering legislation which if passed by a joint sitting will be applicable to all federating units.

MQM motion on ECL to be taken up today

Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: The speaker of the National Assembly, Illahi Bakhsh Soomro, assured the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) parliamentary group on Wednesday that their privilege motion regarding ban on them from proceeding abroad would be taken up on Friday.

An MQM delegation met the speaker in his chamber and requested him to take up their motion on inclusion of their names in the exit control list.

"The speaker has given us an assurance that it would be taken up of Friday," MNA Kunwar Khalid Younus told Dawn.

The point had also been raised by Mr Younus in the house on Wednesday but no reply had been given to him. Mr Younus had pointed out that neither the interior minister nor the governor was owning the orders issued to the FIA to put the names of MQM members on the ECL.

Mr Younus asked the interior minister whether he had issued these orders but he did not reply.

When the Sindh governor was contacted in this behalf, he denied having issued such orders, Mr Younus said.

Antique coins missing, admits govt

Burea Report

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: The government on Thursday admitted that rare antique coins, ranging from 4th century B.C to 20th century, are missing from the National Museum of Karachi.

The admission was made by the minister for culture, sports, and tourism in his written response before the national assembly, to a question asked by MNA Kunwar Khalid Yunus.

"During the process of handing and taking over the charge of the Numismatics Section, National Museum of Pakistan, from the outgoing in charge of the section, the following coins were found missing: i) Gold coins No. 33; ii) Silver coins No. 348; and Copper coins No. 304 (period ranging from 4th century B.C to 20th century)," disclosed the minister.

The value of the coins in the present circumstances cannot be evaluated. The missing coins were mostly acquired during the past 30 to 40 years, the minister (whose name was not mentioned in the written answer) said.

Regarding the security arrangement in and around the museum, the minister said that the coins were securely stored in the reserve collection kept in a strong-room provided with special type cabinets designed for the purpose. Normally rare coins are not placed on display and only their casts are displayed in the galleries for the benefit of the visitors.

For the overall security of the museum there is police guard to safeguard the museum round the clock. In addition to police guards two watchmen of the department of archaeology and museums are also posted at the museum day and night, whereas one museum attendant stands vigilant in each gallery during museum hours.

S. African minister

By Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: South African minister for justice Abdullah Omar is expected to visit Pakistan in the first week of January.

AJK Council adopts Rs1.82bn budget for '98-99

By Our Correspondent

MUZAFFARABAD, Dec 31: The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council (AJKC) adopted on Wednesday the Rs1.82 billion budget for 1998-99 in its second session held here on Thursday with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in the chair.

The AJKC budget was presented by the federal minister for Kashmir and Northern Areas affairs, Lt-Gen Abdul Majid Malik, in the first sitting of the council's session in Islamabad on Oct 3.

The net collection is distributed between the AJK government and the Council secretariat at a ratio of 80:20 in accordance with the "Distribution of Revenue and Grant-in-Aid Order, 1975," of the Pakistan government.

This 20 per cent becomes the part of the consolidated fund of the AJK Council secretariat and is used for the developmental programme in Azad Kashmir and in those areas of Pakistan where Kashmiri refugees are settled and on the administrative expenses of the secretariat.

According to an official handout, the AJKC exceeded the income tax collection target of Rs1,500 million for 1997-98 by Rs64 million, collecting a record amount of Rs1,564 million in its history. Similarly, Rs486 million was collected on account of excise and sales tax against the target of Rs241 million in 1997-98. This amount goes directly to the AJK government.

The income tax collection target in 1998-99 has been fixed at Rs1,655 million. According to the proposed allocations, Rs339.820 million (19 per cent of the total budget) has been earmarked for developmental projects and Rs190.580 million (10 per cent) for non-developmental activities.

A sum of Rs1,289.600 million would go to the Azad Kashmir government as its share. Of the Rs339.820 million, Rs40 million has been allocated for the chairman of the AJKC, Rs15 million for the vice-chairman, Rs10 million each for the six elected members of the council.

These amounts would be spent on special developmental programmes/schemes on their recommendation. Furthermore, Rs20 million has been earmarked for the provision of two bulldozers for Bhimbher and Sudhnoti districts.

The AJK Council also adopted two bills, namely, "The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council (Adaptation and Validation) Act, 1998," and "The Azad Jammu and Kashmir Income Tax (Adaptation and Validation) Act, 1998."

RESOLUTIONS: The meeting also adopted some resolutions, unanimously, tabled by Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz, advisers to the AJKC Raja Zulqarnain Khan and Chaudhry Mohammad Yaqub.

A resolution condemned the brutal use of force by the Indian occupied forces which has claimed the lives of over 60,000 Kashmiris and unlawful detention of tens of thousands of political activists.

The session also condemned the genocide, massacre, extra-judicial and custodial killings, burning of houses villages and desecration of holy places committed by the Indian forces in the held territory during the last eight years.

It supported the efforts of the government of Pakistan for a peaceful solution to the Kashmir dispute based on the wishes of its people through all possible means, including a substantive and meaningful dialogue with India. It urged the international community to address the real cause of insecurity, conflicts and tensions in South Asia.

Another resolution condemned the indiscriminate firing by the Indian forces at the civilian population along the line of control inside Azad Kashmir which has resulted in a large number of casualties. Calling for an immediate end to the violations along the line of control, the resolution asked India to allow UNMOGIP to discharge its function of monitoring the LoC on both sides and in this regard urged the UN to increase the number of military observers deployed by the UNMOGIP.

Through another resolution, the AJKC condemned India for nuclearizing the South Asia and said Indian nuclear blackmail would not deter the Kashmiris in their just struggle for right to self-determination.

Defaulters still owe Rs91bn to banks, NA informed

Bureau Report

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: The nationalized banks have recovered a little over Rs17 billion from their debtors during 1998, whereas Rs91 billion is still outstanding against the defaulters.

Parliamentary secretary for finance Kamil Umar on Wednesday admitted before the National Assembly that the recovery campaign launched by the government this year had not been impressive. He, however, said the government intended to take stringent steps to improve the position of recovery.

Replying to a question by Nasimur Rehman, MNA, he said that from Jan 1, 1997 to Dec 15, 1998 a sum of Rs17,391m was recovered by the nationalized banks. Of these Habib Bank recovered Rs7,090m, United Bank Rs5,480m and the National Bank of Pakistan Rs4,821m.

The amount outstanding against the defaulters were Rs29,735m of the NBP, Rs27,640 of the HBL and Rs24,245m of the UBL.

Mr Umar said that special recovery departments with adequate professional staff had been set up in each nationalized bank for effective recovery and its monitoring. Targets for recovery had also been assigned to the respective regional and circle offices of these banks.

The defaulters were also being taken to the special banking courts in those cases where the were refusing or showing reluctance to pay back the stuck up loan, he said.

Opposition MNAs Khurshid Shah and Naveed Qamar criticized the government for not recovering amounts from big defaulters and targeting those who had taken small loans from the banks. Shah argued that the recovery had been very dismal despite government's announcement of declaring the year 1998 as the loan recovery year.

39 senior bureaucrats to retire in '99

By Ansar Abbasi

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: At least 39 senior bureaucrats including 12 grade 22 officers, will retire during the year 1999.

The maximum number of retiring officers, in grade 20 and above, belong to the secretariat group whereas there will be only one retirement in the income tax group in these senior grades during the year 1999.

Those retiring include 12 grade 22 officers, 17 grade 21 officers and 10 grade 20 officers belonging to different occupational groups of the civil bureaucracy.

Retirement of such a huge number of senior officers, will prosper the promotion prospects of junior officers in different cadres. However, there are apprehensions that some of these retiring officers may use their connections to get the re-employment.

In the district management group only five officers are retiring. Three in grade 22 and two in grade 21. These include: Shamsher Ali Khan (already on LPR); Akhtar Said (never served outside Punjab), member Board of Revenue, Punjab; and Hafeezullah Ishaq, secretary interior. Those in grade 21 include Abdul Aziz Luni, secretary population, Balochistan; and Taj Muhammad Khan, chairman Pakistan Tobacco Board, Peshawar.

In the police service of Pakistan, two of its three grade 22 officers are retiring during 1999. These include Khawar Zaman, High Commissioner of Pakistan to Australia; and Muhammad Abbas Khan, secretary Kashmir Affairs and Northern Affairs Division. Ilyas Mehmood Mohsin, former additional secretary incharge of the interior division, is the only grade 21 officer retiring this year. The PSP grade 20 officer retiring this year is Abdul Wassay, deputy director general, Intelligence Bureau.

The grade 22 retiring officers belonging to the SG include Mahbub Ahmad, executive director, national institute of population studies; Muzaffar Mehmood Qureshi, secretary women and social welfare division; Inaamul Haq, Pakistan's alternate executive director, World Bank; Iqbal Moeen, chairman agricultural prices commission; Saghir Asad Hasan, secretary Senate secretariat; Muhammad Pervez Masud, director general civil service academy, Lahore.

The grade 21 retiring officers of the SG include Tasnim Ahmed Siddiqi, director general Sindh katchi abadis authority; Abdul Khalidq Awan, member PTC authority, Islamabad; Khalid Amin, member PTC; Syed Muhammad Ismail, chairman PERAC; Muhammad Malik, senior joint secretary religious affairs division; Abdul Hameed Naqsbandi, senior joint secretary planning and development division; Iqbal Ahmed, director general national housing authority; Akbar Hayat Khan Gandapur, DG women and special education division; and Syed Zafar Ali Naqvi, senior joint secretary culture and youth affairs division.

Such grade 20 officers of the SG include Zafar Mehmood, commercial counsellor, Beijing; Zafar Hasan Mehmood, DG nation tariff commission; Saleem Maqsud, joint secretary defence production division; Mehboob Elahi Juni, joint secretary finance division; and Dr Sher Zaman, joint secretary establishment division.

Such officers belonging to Customs group include Riaz Hussain Naqvi, grade 22, and in grade 21 Muhammad Mubeen Ahsan and Malik Muhammad Younis. Muhammad Mushtaq is a grade 21 officer from income tax retiring this year.

Such accounts groups officers include Javed Ahmad Khan, SAK Rahmani, Muhammad Yussuf Khattak, Syed Mujahid Hussain, Ahmad Nawab Qureshi and Ali Akbar Qureshi.

Atta shortage in Swabi continues

By Our Correspondent

SWABI, Dec 31: Despite efforts and local administration's claim of controlling atta shortage the residents of Swabi are still facing acute flour shortage.

To cope with the shortage the local administration raided a number of atta distribution centre, checked the commodities price at the retail shop and urged the dealers to sell atta according to the fixed rate. The dealers were also frequently warned that those who found overcharging the consumers would be arrested.

The police raided a number of atta depots but nothing was found. All the centres were without atta.

Many areas of Swabi including Nawankilli, Yarhussain, Chota Lahore, Thordher, Saleem Khan Zada, Kalukhan and district headquarter are badly affected as they are getting less atta than the actual demand.

A resident of Maneri said that atta had become an uphill task. "You have to stand in a long queue for more than four or five hours to get a small bag. Most of the atta seekers come back empty handed." Similar complaints have also been made by the dwellers of a number of urban and rural localities.

According to an official the situation had deteriorated after supply from Mardan and Haripur had been stopped and the Punjab government had also not allowed the movement of atta. Those who wanted to bring atta to Swabi or other areas of NWFP from Punjab were arrested.

When contacted an official of the Swabi Flour Mills said that their quota had been further slashed from 600 bags to 250 and no tangible step had been taken to increase it.

He said if the wheat quota was increased the mill administration would not be able to supply more atta due to power loadshedding.

A dealer said that their quota was not fixed but the were given different quantity on different days.

Meanwhile, after the three days, the WAPDA again had resorted to loadshedding in Swabi. The power supply remained suspended for about ten to twelve hours every days.

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(EXTENSION)

Reference Wapda captioned notice published in these columns. Tender will now be opened on 15.02.1999 instead of 18.01.1999. Other terms / conditions remain unchanged.

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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
METROPOLITAN CORPORATION LAHORE

TENDER NOTICE
CORRIGENDUM AND EXTENSION OF DATE

The Solid Waste Management Department, M.C.L. invited bids for procurement of solid waste machinery through national press on 07-10-1998, 08-10-1998 and 15-12-1998.

It is advertised for the information of all concerned that the date for opening of bids is further extended from 15-01-1999 to 30-01-1999. The quantity and specifications of machinery have also been revised which are as follows:

S/No.	Description	Quantity	Schedule
1.	Front End Loader.	2 Nos.	I
2.	Dumper (25 Tons).	8 Nos.	II
3.	Water Sprinkler.	12 Nos.	III
4.	Mechanical Sweeper (Towed Type).	100 Nos.	IV
5.	Weighbridge to be installed at Out-fall Road and Mehmood Booti.	2 Nos.	V
6.	Arm Rollers Vehicles.	14 Nos.	VI
7.	Hydraulic Tractor Trollies.	17 Nos.	VIII
8.	Chain Bulldozer.	2 Nos.	IX

Only those parties can participate in bid who have got themselves registered with General Sales Tax Department. The tender forms can be obtained from the Dy. Director (Planning), S.W.M. during office hours on payment of Rs. 1,000/- per schedule. Revised specifications will be provided free of cost to those who have already paid the tender fees on schedule wise basis during office hours before opening date of the tenders. Other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Managing Director,
Solid Waste Management,
Metropolitan Corporation Lahore.

IPL-10264 (4440-Z)

IN THE COURT OF MR. IJAZUL HASSAN
JUDGE BANKING COURT-I, PESHAWAR,
13-A, Qaffla Road, Tehkal Payan, Peshawar.

Case No. 1515/1 of 98 Date of hearing: 8-1-99

Suit for the recovery of Rs. 4800000/-.

HBL Cantt. Branch Peshawar Cantt. Vs. M/s Khyber Extrusion (Pvt) Ltd. etc.

COURT NOTICE VERSUS:

(1) M/s Khyber Extrusion (Pvt) Ltd., Block No. 6-A, Sindhi Muslim Housing Society, Karachi through Chief Executive.
(2) Hassan Harani, 40-B, South Circular Avenue, Phase-II, D.H.A., Karachi.
(3) Hassan Mehmood, 79-1, Khayaban-e-Badar, Clifton, Karachi.
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Whereas the plaintiff Bank has instituted a suit for the recovery of Rs. 4800000/- against you under Section 9(2) of Banking Companies Act XV of 1997. You are hereby summoned to obtain leave to defend the suit under the Act within 21 days after the publication of this notice. In default whereof the plaintiff Bank will be entitled to obtain a decree for the said sum with cost, as prayed for. Next date of hearing is 8-1-99.

Sd/- Seal of the Court
Judge
Banking Court, Peshawar

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Description: CONSTRUCTION OF (a) 1 NO. CATEGORY-iii RESIDENCE, 2 NOS. CATEGORY-IV QUARTER AND INTERNAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM, WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM INTERNAL ROADS AT QESCO (WAPDA) COLONY CHAMAN, (b) 2 NOS. CATEGORY-IV QUARTER AND INTERNAL ROADS, OVERHEAD TANK AT QESCO (WAPDA) COLONY QILLA ABUDLLAH, (c) SUB OFFICE BUILDING, 2 NOS. CATEGORY-IV QUARTER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM, WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, AND INTERNAL ROADS AT QESCO (WAPDA) COLONY QILLA SAIFULLAH (d), SUB OFFICE BUILDING, SEWERAGE SYSTEM, WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INTERNAL ROADS AT QESCO (WAPDA) COLONY DUKKI, (e) SUB OFFICE BUILDING, SEWERAGE SYSTEM, WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AND INTERNAL ROADS AT QESCO (WAPDA) COLONY BARKHAN.

Earnest Money 2% of bid in form of Call Deposit.

Public opening at 1 p.m. on 14.01.99. Wapda approved contractors, renewed with CE Civil T&G Lahore for 1998-99 may contact this office for tender forms/further details/specifications/conditions before opening date. Tender documents can be issued from office of undersigned on any working day upto 13-01-1999 after producing original enlistment / renewal for 1998-99 from CE Civil T&G Lahore. Only one tender will be issued to each contractor. Tenders shall not be issued without submitting a Call Deposit. All rights reserved. Executive Engineer, Civil Works Division, QESCO Quetta.

PID (L)1781/1814 (98)

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Call to sign conventions on torture, refugees

By Our Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, Dec 31: Human Rights Commission of Pakistan at its one-day national consultation meeting through a set of recommendations and proposals suggested that Pakistan should sign international conventions on torture and refugees.

The recommendations were adopted at the meeting held at a local hotel here on Wednesday at which basic issues related to reform of penal system were discussed. There were two sessions of the HRCP. The first one was chaired by Afrasiab Khattak on the topic of "system of criminal justice ." The presentation was made by M.L. Shahani Advocate.

The second session was on "the prison system" chaired by Tahir Mohammad Khan, the former information minister in ZAB government with a presentation by Mehboob Khan. The director HRCP I.A. Rehman coordinated the two sessions. The concluding session was presided over by Hina Jilani. In all the three sessions, there was exhaustive and indepth discussion on the related issues and recommendations were formulated.

The meeting was of the view that the reforms in the penal system must be directed on the one hand at making the system more sensitive to the consequences to the human rights norms through legislative reforms and on the other hand responsive to the consequences of state practices that violate these norms.

The participants of the meeting observed that the more disadvantaged groups like women, children, minority and the poor have become more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation as a result of these practices. The inadequacies of legislation for securing the life, liberty and bodily integrity of the citizens is compounded by lack of appropriate response from judiciary. The present system therefore lacks capacity to ensure dignity of person involved in the process either as an accused or victim.

The recommendations made and proposals reiterated included among other things that there should be a SAARC protocol on repatriation of prisoners to serve sentence in their home countries. It was observed that enforcement of special laws for example Frontier Crime Regulation created inequality before law. The repeal of all such laws was recommended.

Establishment of special courts especially military courts was strongly criticized as it undermined the role of judiciary and affected uniformity of standard of justice. The meeting said that judicial responsibility for safeguarding the physical security of prisoners should be fully recognized. It said that both the superior courts and subordinate judiciary must improve their performance with regard to remand, illegal detention by police and the use of torture by the custodial agencies. It said that the training of jail and probation staff is essential. Such training, the meeting recommended, must strongly reinforce the internationally accepted standards of treatment of prisoners deprived of liberty.

About the recommendations regarding treatment of juveniles, it was stated that there should be absolute bar against placement of children in adult facilities prisons. The meeting called for recognition of girls as children and discrimination in their treatment by the criminal justice process was criticized. The meeting held that major area of concern was award of death sentence to the children. It held that other vulnerable categories of prisoners whose standard of treatment fell below accepted norms were mentally-ill prisoners, foreigners and those belonging to the religious minority.

Speaking on independence of the judiciary and delay in the dispensation of justice, the speaker presented the case of Haji Ghulam Hussain Uner. He said that in detention case by law amendment should be brought in section 491 Cr.P.C. must be decided within three days otherwise the detenue should be released forthwith. It was suggested that by an amendment in criminal law the person so released shall not be arrested and for fresh arrest, the poor judges who were handling the case should be consulted grant permission for arrest.

Mr Shahani in his paper said that there has been increase in criminalisation of the police force. He said that remand granted by the Magistrate to the police should also give reasons for remanding an accused. He said that in cases of excesses of the police, proper action is not taken. He suggested that such entry should be made on the service record of the officer concerned. He demanded for separation of the Investigation and Prosecution branches of the Police. He called for curbing the unfettered power of police through criminal prosecution and civil action. He said that the impunity of the police must be controlled. The copy of the FIR must be provided by the police to the accused, Mr Shahani said.

The speaker suggested that the magistrate granting remand in terms of Criminal P.C. must assign the reason for granting remand and must assess the progress in the case and again assign reasons for extending the remand. Any Magistrate transgressing such limits must be dealt with departmentally. He suggested that the police found indulging or committing illegality must be dealt with departmentally.

In the presentation made by Mehboob Khan on the Prison System, it was revealed that out of 82 jails all over the country, there was heavy overcrowding. In all the jails, there were 82,000 prisoners. Of them, 46,000 prisoners were undertrials for 14,000 convicts. Over 26 per cent of the jail population in Punjab comprises drug addicts. In some jails, the drug addicts form a majority of prisoners. They need special attention instead of imprisonment. 59 per cent of prisoners are in Attock jail and 39 per cent in Multan jail. The drug addicts in different jails are mentally sick. Mr Mehboob said that the number of people in death row in jails are 250.

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c.	Shalwar & kameez	Rs.	2,000.00
d.	Synthetic Quilts	Rs.	1,500.00
e.	Boots DMS	Rs.	1,200.00
f.	Shirts & Trousers	Rs.	1,000.00
g.	Flannelette	Rs.	1,000.00
h.	Jacket Camouflage	Rs.	800.00
j.	Belt Black	Rs.	500.00
k.	Mosquito Net	Rs.	500.00
l.	Baret Cap	Rs.	500.00
m.	Socks Worsted	Rs.	500.00
n.	Oil PX-4	Rs.	500.00
o.	Kamar Band	Rs.	300.00

2. Tender documents can be obtained from Ordnance Branch Headquarters Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) University Road, Karachi on payment of Tender Fee (non refundable) on 1st January to 15 January 1999 from 0900 hours to 1300 hours on any Working days.

3. Tenders will be opened on the date and time, given on Tender Inquiry in the presence of firm's representatives.

4. This Headquarters has the right to reject any/all tenders without disclosing any reason. For further information please contact telephone numbers 4980881 and 4989255 during office hours.

Lieutenant Colonel
for Director General
(Muhammad Naeem Khalid)